Aphasia Book Club

Crashing Through

Chapters 3 & 4 Questions

Worksheet B

1. On page 42, Mike mentions to Jennifer that he has been looking into the stem cell surgery. He says, “The stem cell surgery is really interesting. I’d like to know more about it. I still don’t think it would change my life, but I have to say, it seems like it’s for real.” Do you think the surgery would change his life?
2. I do believe the surgery would change his life
3. I don’t believe the surgery would change his life
4. I don’t know
5. Other:
6. On pages 50-51, Dr. Goodman describes the risks related to the stem cell transplant surgery. They are: chances of success are fifty-fifty, the stem cells and cornea could reject at any time in Mike’s life, the extent of sight restoration is unknown, a failed surgery could cost Mike his light perception, and a possible side effect is cancer. Do you think the surgery is worth it?

Not worth it Definitely worth it

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1. On pages 56-57, Mike’s answer for how he could be so confident as a blind person centered around four main points “1) Have adventures 2) Speak to your curiosity 3) Be willing to fall down or get lost and 4) There’s always a way”. Do you agree with his ‘life lessons’?

Don’t agree Somewhat agree Definitely agree

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. On page 65, it describes how Mike and his ski guide, Ron Salviolo, won three gold medals at the World Winter Game (now known as the Paralympics) using a different strategy than their competitors. What was this strategy?
2. Holding hands as they skied down together
3. Ron skied in front of Mike, and Ron shouted voice commands to direct Mike
4. Mike skied down by himself
5. Ron skied down a few yards behind Mike